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Dear Walt,

Again thanks for your help. There are those of us who work as much as eight hours a day for the promotion of Technocracy — not every day but many days. I for one. Ron Morgan talks about the "mags" but probably doesn't realize the work that goes into them, especially with a shortage of personnel.

The newsletter takes up hours of my time, getting articles together, getting permission to reprint and writing articles.

Not only that, two young members are putting an intelligent video together for the libraries.

We are well on our way to establishing a Continental computer data base system.

We have two young members who want to be speakers and both are writers. Stephen Doll and Steven Scheel. Steve Scheel is finishing his major in geology at Portland State, his last year. Then he will be able to devote more time to Technocracy.

What has held this organization back, including the Portland Section, are long-time members. This situation is not limited to CHQ.

Once you are a member of Technocracy and know its analysis of social trends is correct and that the solution it offers is the only correct one in existence, there is no turning back, even if you drop your membership. But anyone who drops membership usually winds up in obscurity and is seldom heard from again.

What good does it do to drop out? How are members such as Ron Morgan going to be effective out on their own? Will they have the backing of the powerful news media? And where is the money coming from?

The apathy that Joe Nemeth encountered in his tremendous endeavor of securing Howard Scott mementos for future generations was not limited to CHQ. My efforts to write

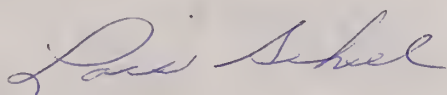
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a biography so we can have a factual book in libraries will be doomed from the start because information needed will not be forthcoming from long-time members.

I can agree with some of you long-time members on certain issues, but I can never understand what is accomplished by dropping out, even if you are no longer active.

I do wish to thank you again for your help. I would like to continue to be in touch with you. Please write to me when you find time.

United we stand. Divided we fall. The only thing that all Technocrats agree on is Technocracy's Social Design. They are human beings with diverse opinions. The infighting in this organization is unbecoming to the Technocrats.



P.S. John Gregory sent me correspondence between him and Howard Scott. He already is on our mailing list for the newsletter. I've put Ron Morgan on too.

P.P.S. The Floyds in Port Angeles sponsor a Technocracy Fair Booth at the Clallam County Fair each year and also promote Technocracy speakers in the high schools there, reaching hundreds of young people and many instructors.

P.P.P.S. I forgot to mention that members in Canada, Washington State and Arlington, Virginia have updated the TTSD. The final copy will go to press soon.

Now we are beginning to work on updating the Operational Instructions.

A few of us are anything but idle.

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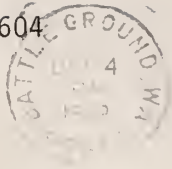
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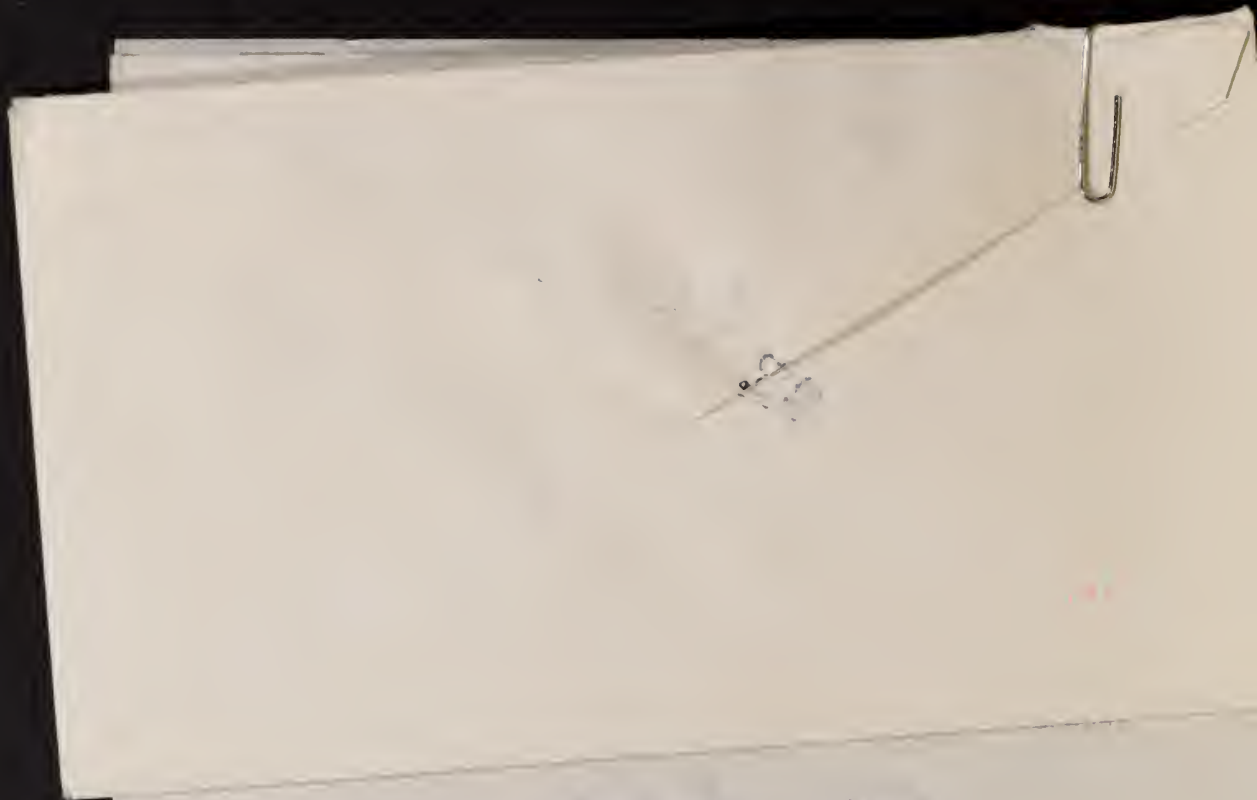
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Greetings Lois:

I appreciated getting your letter of 1st December. I like your format using personal notepaper and short lines for easy reading. Mine is the traditional 'business' letter format and a relatively formal style which Bonnie Gebhardt doesn't like but is a 'natural' for me. I guess it takes a woman to add that personal touch which we all need. Technocracy, too.

Notice the date. Tomorrow will be Xmas eve. Family life is very demanding, at this time of year especially. While we are now grandparents, we are still very much involved. So I am grabbing a few minutes to drop you a note. As you may also know, my wife Edith is a handicapped person - with Multiple Sclerosis - so I am called on for extra support in that direction. Now that our Unit is finished, I am re-directing my involvements with the organization in order to give more time to my own and my family's affairs.

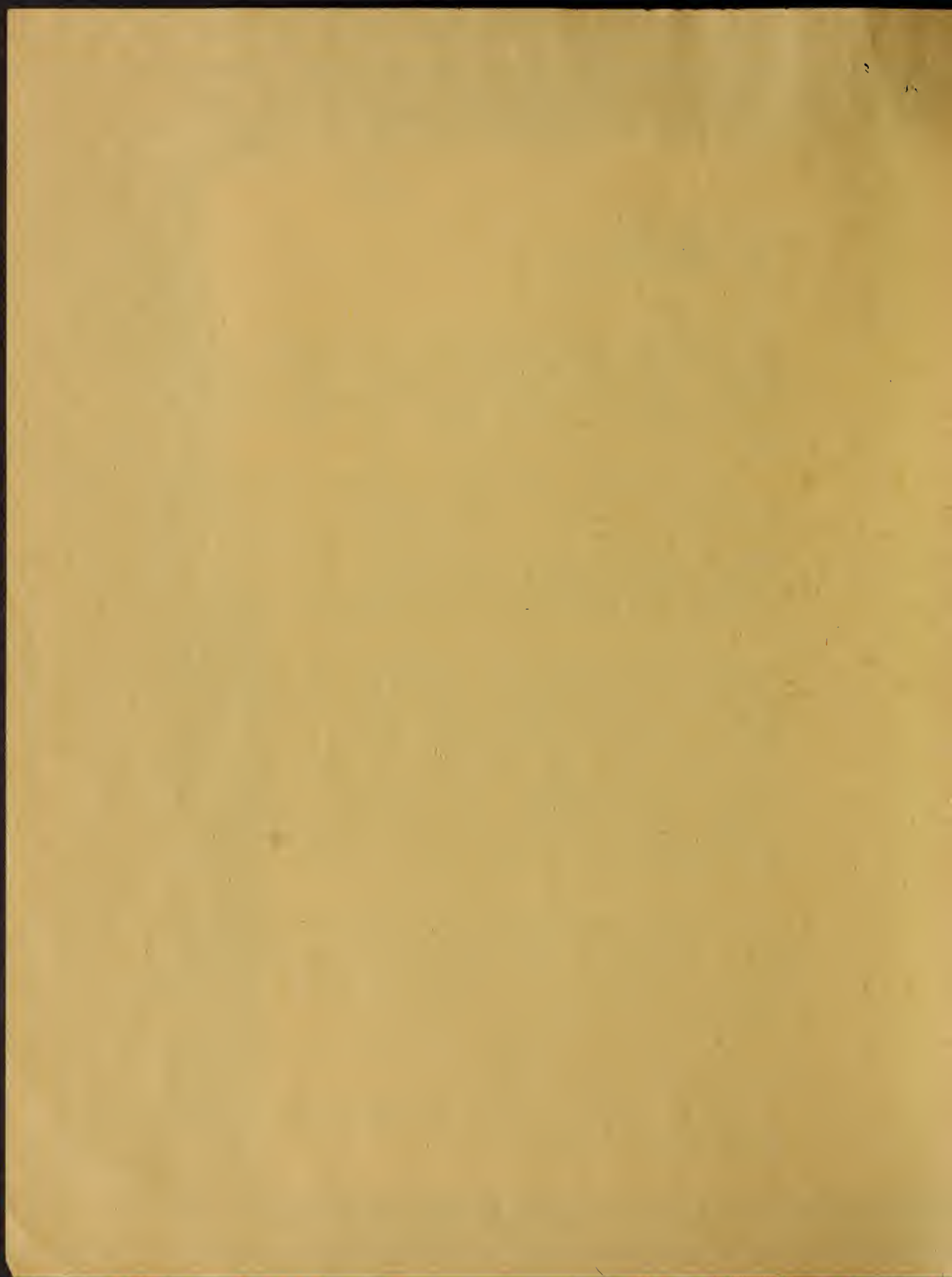
I would like to take time to respond to your letter at length but that will have to wait till next month. I am flattered that you think some of my material is suitable for your newsletter. I would have to check it over and perhaps make some amendments or additions. Right now I don't have that kind of time. You are, of course, free to use any of it that you see fit, as is. Most of it, if not all of it, has been passed to the Editors of both magazines and to CHQ and others. They have not seen fit to use it. But that is understandable. I write, usually, to say something to members which will interpret the contemporary situation. So some of it is 'dated'. In any case it is not what CHQ and the editors think needs to be said. It's not the 'party' line. But there will be more in the future, regardless.

A friend of mine, Ron Morgan of Saskatoon, and a former member of the Technocracy HQ Board of Governors, is attempting to write a book on his own view of Technocracy. It will be unofficial. He has passed to me an 18 page summary for my comments. That will take some doing. It has been waiting for a couple of months and will be months to go. So it goes.

Now I must go. I'll plan to follow this up in the New Year with something more substantive.

I have attended 2 or 3 Labor Day weekends at Vancouver, but not lately. Somehow we didn't meet. I hope that can be rectified before too long.

Walt Fryers.



December 1, 1986

Dear Walt,

Thank you for your generosity in sending me this material. I've added your name to our newsletter mailing list. Bonnie has told me more than once that we should get acquainted. "Oh, you should read the stuff he writes." Now I realize that she is correct and I wonder where you have been. Do you ever attend the Labor Day function in Vancouver, B.C.?

I am appalled at CHQ's suggestion that you resign. Please don't do it. Technocracy needs intelligent people like you. I need you. The Technocrats need you. We all need you. I believe that all those involved in the Chicago Conspiracy should be given another chance. You know they have learned that Technocracy cannot be taken into politics and that they still are Technocrats at heart. I do believe that we have a one-man rule in this organization but it won't last forever. Vindictiveness is not an intelligent requisite for leadership. Technocracy still uses R. B. Langan's article, "I Am The Price System--An Autobiography." But would the powers that be forgive him? No. Editor of a magazine? An intelligent editor? A writer? Is he still alive?

In the legal papers during the Chicago thing, the Conspiracy accused Howard Scott of one-man-rule. Have you ever read them? I don't know enough about it to comment intelligently. And at that time I had never heard of Technocracy. What I'm getting at is we need members. It seems to me that as long as you bow and scrape to the projections of headquarters, you remain in good favor; but don't offer any suggestions and don't ever criticize. An attempt was made to stop our Portland newsletter because we were sending to nonmembers as well as members. In other words, we were hurting the magazines. "Of course people will subscribe to your newsletter. It's free," was the cruel remark in CHQ's letter to me. Isn't it better to get something out that is free to people than to not

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get anything out at all? But I'm a fighter and although I've had my hands slapped several times by CHQ, I seem to remain on good terms with the powers that be. I've learned that you won't get many bouquets from them on new ideas. I think it is so important to keep peace in this organization, to dispense with infighting and to work together. But I agree with you. To maintain a healthy organization, members must be able to offer suggestions, ask questions and even criticize certain actions without being treated like a backwoods nincompoop.

Your intelligent letter to John Spitler ended with a sentence that many members would appreciate and one that I've entertained for quite some time: "In the interest of a dynamic and responsive organization I would advocate a more open and interactive relationship between CHQ and the field. (If it's not too late.)"

Receiving our Portland newsletter once a month has brought many Technocrats out of limbo and given them courage. A monthly bulletin should be coming from CHQ, one that gave encouragement to members as well as information on what is taking place at Headquarters.

In the meantime, we must do the best we can to bring about change and not drop out--and not let them push us out. There is so much unrest in the field and CHQ's attitude seems to be, "If you're dissatisfied with the way things are going that's tough. Resign."

I do want our correspondence to be kept in confidence for like you, I don't want to be the cause of trouble in the organization. I intend to present your material to those in our section whom I can trust to use discretion.

Now, have you presented your material to the magazines? Have I missed it? I would love to print "A comparison of Crises" in January's newsletter. I don't have time to pass everything through Headquarters for approval. I print what I want with the approval of two section members and then if CHQ criticizes it I take my lumps

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and simmer down for a while until the next controversial article comes along.

Confidentially, on my trips to Labor Day functions and the spring one in Seattle/Everett, I imagine that I see this organization leaning toward a social club with its little clicks of people congregating in corners or apartments, wanting to sit at the dinner table together instead of including everyone in their conversations, like children. And yet I've met some beautiful people in this organization and wouldn't trade their friendship for all the Vodka in Russia.

Although Technocrats, like any other members in organizations, aren't going to agree on everything, they should have one important thing in common--Technocracy.

Bonnie may be coming here for a visit in January. I'm looking forward to it. We have much to talk about.

In closing, I have read much of your material already. Perhaps there will be more to put in the newsletter. But of course the ~~magazines need~~ articles also and Ed McBurny has first chance at yours. I've stopped writing for the magazines because, as you are well aware, writing is hard work and it takes time. I'm extremely busy with our newsletter and study class. Besides, Johnny Berge and CHQ are too picky. I'm all for robots, but I don't want to be one.

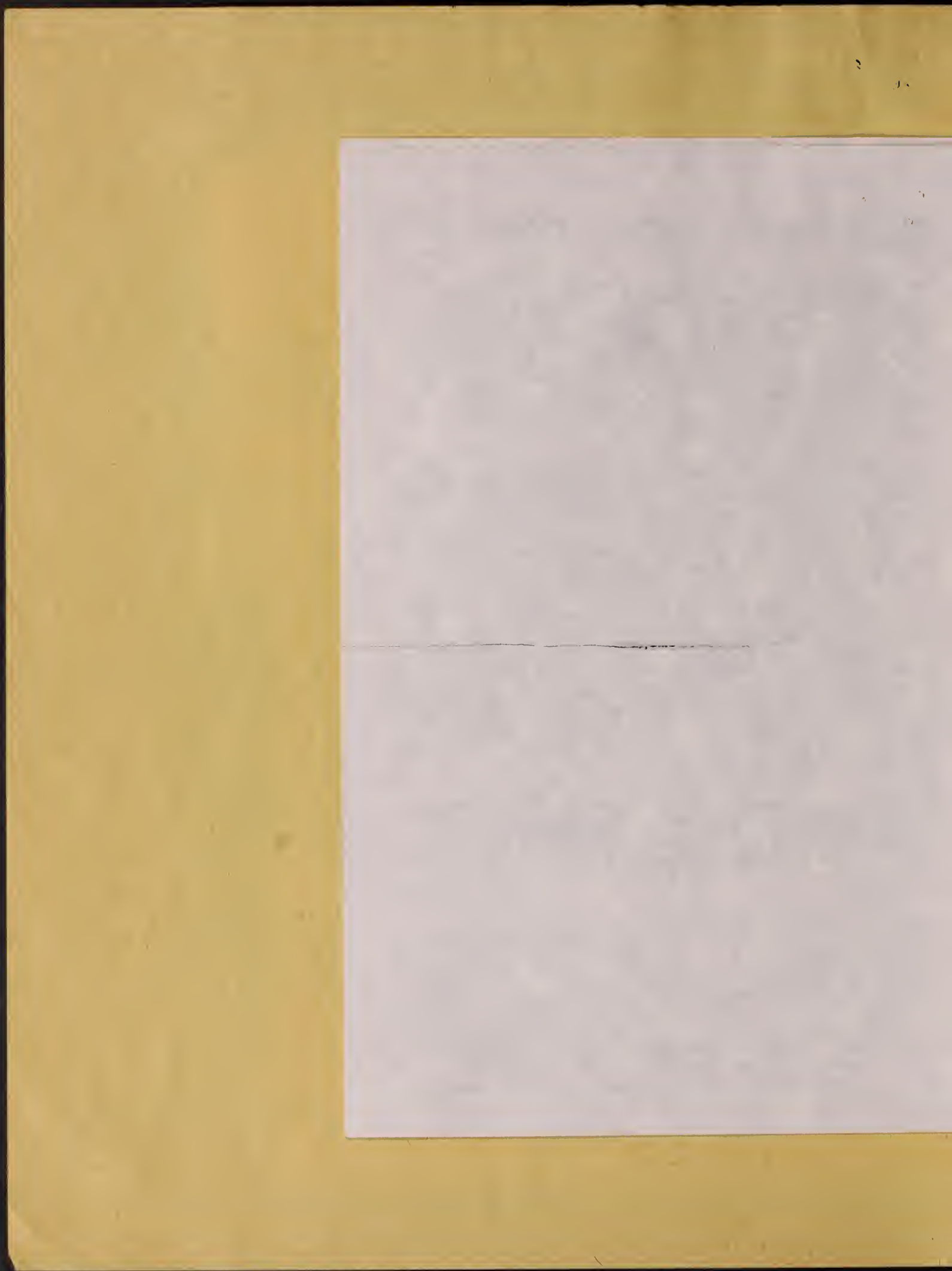
Did you write "Comparison of Crises" in 1981? Does it need updating? May I use it for the newsletter? I promise I won't change abundance, just take my lumps. Could you change 1981 to 1980s?

Sincerely,



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P. S. Our newsletter reaches 300 addresses including some very important people who are in the news occasionally. Governor Lamm is one of them.



'Lamm, Colorado's 'Governor Gloom,' Fears National Disaster May Lie Ahead

By DENNIS FARNEY

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PUEBLO, Colo. — "Hell is truth seen too late."

John Locke, the philosopher, said that three centuries ago. Richard Lamm, the Democratic governor of Colorado, keeps quoting it now. Insistently. Repeatedly. It's only one of the aphorisms he uses as he travels, trying to warn nonchalant citizens that national disaster may loom ahead.

Economic disaster, to name only one possibility. Gov. Lamm is convinced Amer-

ica sits atop a "souffle economy"—one that could slump with a sickening lurch. "I'm not just talking about a dip in the economic cycle," he says as the state Beechcraft soars above Colorado's tawny plains. "I'm talking about a social, political and economic trauma that will rival the '30s."



Richard Lamm

When? The governor answers deliberately, provocatively: "It would be a great surprise to me if we got beyond 1994."

Gov. Lamm talks this way almost daily—of converging forces that threaten national catastrophe. It's the kind of thing that makes him controversial: A remark last year that the terminally ill ultimately have "a duty to die" ignited a national firestorm. Nevertheless, polls indicate the outspoken Mr. Lamm is Colorado's most popular politician. He probably could stay in office indefinitely.

Lamm Is Getting Out

But Dick Lamm is getting out: He won't seek a fourth term next year. That's partly out of family considerations. But it appears there's also a deeper reason: Dis- may over the inability of American politics to confront what, in his view, is a crisis in the making.

"We are violating all the rules of history . . . all the rules of economics," he asserts. "I believe we can solve these problems. But I believe we won't."

Coloradoans call him "Governor Gloom." He wears that tag like a hair shirt of honor.

Here is a man who rises at 4:30 a.m. to write books such as "Megatraumas: America in the Year 2000." (Houghton Mifflin brings it out in October.) Who lectures the Denver Rotary Club on "The Rise and Fall of the American Civilization." A Type-A personality who, when delayed in a customs line, used the time to listen to "The Age of the Moguls" on his Sony Walkman.

Here is a man who seasons his talk with maxims and warnings. From Juvenal, a first-century Roman poet: "Luxury is more ruthless than war." From George Bernard Shaw: "All great truths begin as blasphemy." From comedian Woody Allen: "One path (before us) leads to despair and utter hopelessness, the other to total extinction. I pray we have the wisdom to choose wisely."

At bottom, Gov. Lamm still evokes the stern "era of limits" philosophy that crested in the pessimistic '70s. He questions the optimism—the "mindless optimism," he calls it—of the Reagan era. And he's fundamentally at odds with supply-sider Jack Kemp, who foresees an "era of expansion" and tells audiences: "I do not worship at the altar of the balanced budget." Mr. Lamm's critics say he underestimates the dynamism of the American system.

Points to Troublesome Facts

"Facts do not cease to exist just because they are ignored," counters the governor, quoting T.H. Huxley. Like a dog worrying a bone, he keeps returning to some troublesome facts.

Net interest on the national debt now costs \$353 million a day. President Reagan has added more debt than all his predecessors combined. The Medicare system is tottering, Social Security under strain. The trade deficit may hit \$150 billion this year.

Meanwhile, in the governor's view, America pursues wrongheaded priorities. "We turn out lawyers and CPAs, the Japanese turn out electrical engineers. Now, who's going to win?"

"Tell me, tell me that we can keep on defying those facts," he demands. Then he reproaches himself: "I shouldn't get so intense."

In truth, intensity has served Mr. Lamm well. But even good friends think it might not hurt to lighten up, just a little.

"Once you put this mantle on, how do you take it off?" worries political consultant James E. Monaghan. "Once you start calling balls and strikes for the whole world, you feel you've got to comment on everything. That's a real problem."

Some attribute his cosmic musings to simple frustration. Mr. Lamm has faced a hostile Republican state senate ever since his 1974 election, a Republican house all but two years. "It's kind of sad. He's not looking so much at Colorado any more," says Carl Hilliard, the veteran Associated Press statehouse correspondent.

Some Question Hidden Motive

Still others wonder about a hidden motive. Columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak recently speculated that Mr. Lamm may be "eyeing a long-shot presidential bid in 1988," positioning himself should the economy take a dive.

But Gov. Lamm insists he isn't running

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for anything. He has ruled out a 1986 U.S. Senate race should Colorado Sen. Gary Hart decide against seeking reelection. And he thinks the next president may preside over an economic disaster. "You really have to ask yourself—would you want to be holding the bag?"

The simplest explanation is the nature of the man himself. As governor, he has had to resolve issues, of course. Yet as a self-described "contrarian," he seems more comfortable raising them.

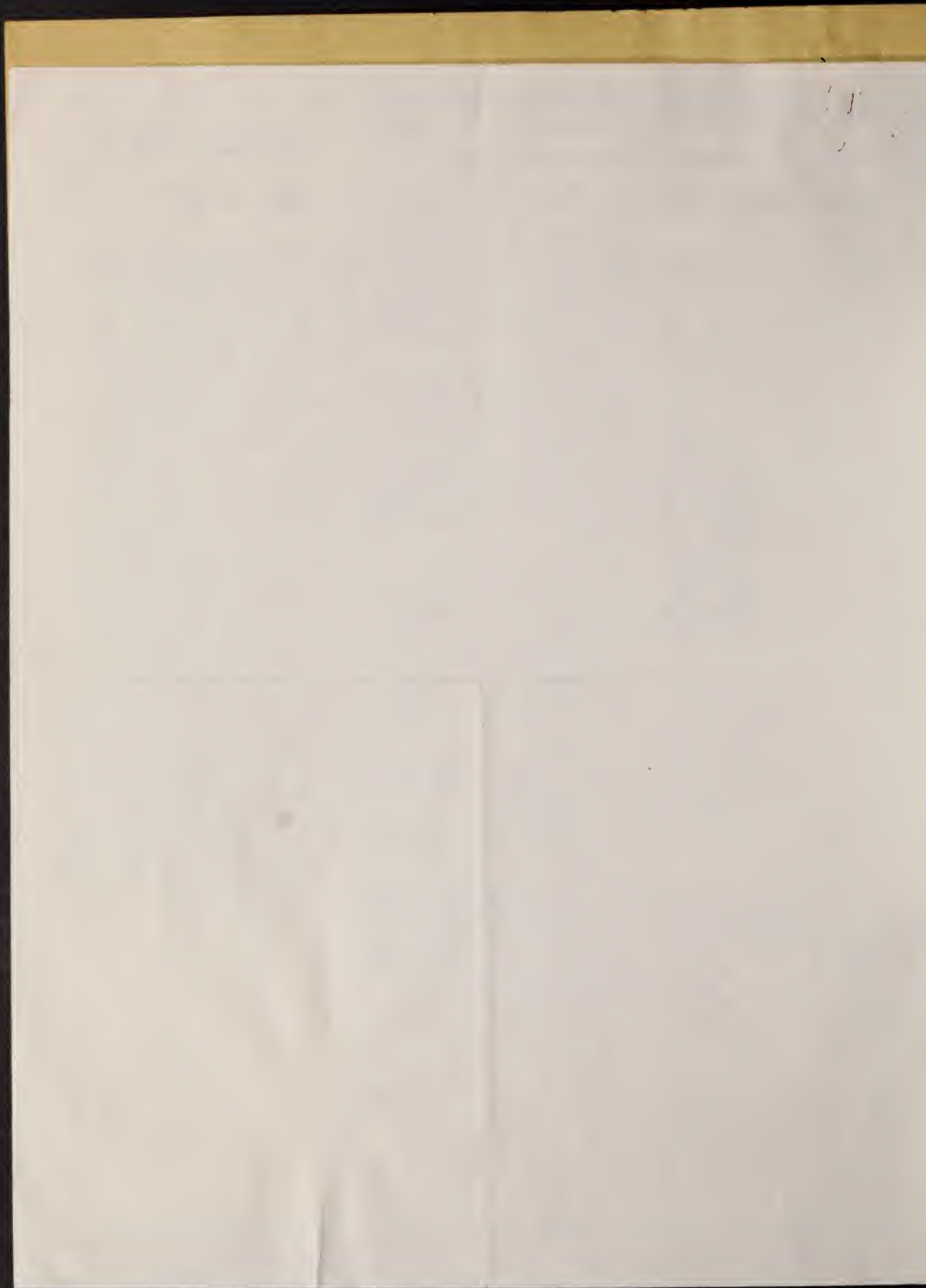
"What makes Dick unique among his political brethren is that he's a second-act character," says Garry Mitchell, a Denver advertising executive and former member of the Lamm cabinet. "He's not fully comfortable with the third act."

So Dick Lamm keeps at it, sometimes inciting controversy almost despite himself. Last year's "duty to die" furor began when he worried aloud about costly modern technology that can keep terminal patients alive beyond the point that life is worth living. The next day's Denver Post headline read: "The Elderly Ill 'Have a Duty to Die,' Lamm Says." Actually, he'd been paraphrasing scholar Leon Kass and hadn't singled out the elderly.

Yet the ultimate outcome heartened Mr. Lamm. He has since received more than 4,000 letters, most of them praising him for raising a tough question. "The thing that surprises me is not the criticism I get, but the amount of support I get," he muses.

But does he think his warnings will really make a difference? Ever the skeptic, Gov. Lamm doesn't seem to be counting on it. For another favorite quote is this passage from Adlai Stevenson:

"You will find that . . . the contest between agreeable fancy and disagreeable fact is unequal . . . Americans are suckers for good news."



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Greetings Lois:

Bonnie Gebhardt of Calgary has repeatedly asked me to send the material I write from time to time, to you. Most recently she sent me a copy of your letter to her expressing an interest in my exchanges with Spitler. I have been somewhat reluctant to disturb the organization unnecessarily, but have sent copies of my material to people (members) who know me and the Edmonton story. Now I have added your name to my mailing list, so you can get the story from the source. I am sending you a number of items that I have put out which may or may not be of interest to you. It will be quite a lot of reading. Again I say I am not trying to destroy the organization, but I do think it should be more open and responsive. It seems somewhat like a closed shop, to me, with a monolithic authoritarian stance that rivals the Vatican. That is not the way of science, nor of a healthy organization, in my opinion. I am writing more on this line of thought.

In the meantime, thanks for sending me your bulletin. You are making a significant contribution to the organization. I know what a lot of work it must be.

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Walt Fryers, MAL



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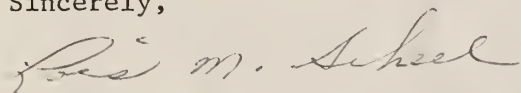
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Dear Mr. Fryers,

Thank you for sending the change of address.

We're sorry to learn about the fire that destroyed your headquarters. We are relieved that no one was injured.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois M. Scheel".

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